Mr. K. Subrahmanya Aiyar—M. B. B. S.

Mr. G. Nilakantan Unnittan, B. A., M. R. C. S. (Eng.), L. R. C. P. (Lond.), D. T. M. & H., special course in Tropical Diseases and Certificate in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, awarded by the London School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and special course in the London Ophthalmic Hospital and at the University College Hospital, London.

Mr. P. C. Varghese—L. M. & S., Ag. Assistant Surgeon in the Department from Meenam 1103.

(*f*) Mr. Josia Joseph, L. M. & S., who was selected for the post, refused to accept the same on the pay offered. The Government then considered it best to train an officer from the Department. Mr. P. C. Varghese, an Ag. Assistant Surgeon, has been selected and he has proceeded to Calcutta to get himself trained at his own cost. The appointment will be made as soon as he returns after training.

First section of the Kayankulam Kartikapalli road.

22. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any estimate has been prepared for the first section of the Kayankulam-Kartikapalli road for which provision was made in the Budgets for 1105 and 1106;

(*b*) the length of the first section referred to above and the estimated expenditure for the same; and

(*c*) if the first section extends beyond the Pullukulangara temple, the estimated expenditure for the road up to Pullukulangara?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The first section is three miles long and is estimated to cost Rs. 33,634.

(*c*) It extends beyond Pullukulangara up to the backwater. The portion up to Pullukulangara is approximately estimated to cost Rs. 19,800.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): With regard to the answer to part (*a*), may I know when the estimate was prepared for that section of the road?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Does the member want the date of the original rough estimate or of the latest revised estimate?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I want the date of the revised estimate.

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Governmet*): It was prepared during the latter half of 1931.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): When was the original estimate prepared?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The original rough estimate was prepared on 8/11/1929.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): What was the necessity for a revised estimate?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The first estimate was found to be defective in certain respects.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): If the estimate was prepared before 1107, may I know why the work was not included in the budget for 1107?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Financial stringency.

Construction of a culvert on the Charumood-Mankakuzhi road.

23. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer has received a petition dated the 14th Meenam 1106 from the people of Chunakkara for the construction of a culvert on the road going eastwards from the 1st mile of the Charumood-Mankakuzhi road; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken on the same?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Investigation for the improvement of this road by providing proper masonry works in the paddy field portions is being carried out by the Public Works Department.

Construction of a lock at Poottodu.

24. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the question of constructing a temporary lock at Poottodu, Mahadevikad, Kartikapalli, was considered by the officers of the Public Works Department and estimates prepared?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes. An estimate is under preparation.

Travelling allowance of covenanted officers.

25. MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have made any reduction in the rate of travelling allowance allowed for covenanted officers as they have done in the case of other officers; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the reason for not doing it?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*)

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) This does not arise, in view of answer to part (*a*) above.

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